

## COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☒ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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Hampton • Rochester • La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☐ Agriculture

☒ Residential

☒ Conservation Easement

☐ Commercial

☐ Industrial

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Hwy 35 between Winona<sup>MN</sup> and Fountain City WI

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

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The effects on ~~wild~~ wildlife concern me greatly, especially if the lines go across the wildlife refuge. These high power lines are bad anywhere for birds and other wildlife but especially in sensitive areas.

N-001-006

I'm concerned about the health effects on people when the lines are close to their houses and

N-001-007

on the aesthetics of having those huge lines running down the river valley. It will greatly devalue

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any property that it runs near

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

(from South Dakota!)

N-001-001

No, I don't think the project managers are being truthful, the lines are being built to run to Chicago and it seems ridiculous to be doing that in this time when we could be looking at more localized sources of power, so we're not so dependent on a huge grid.

We should be steering away from using coal and these lines would lock us into dependence on coal and adding to greenhouse gases. Capx

N-001-002

does not seem to take into consideration that global warming is a real problem and that energy use is actually going down by the average consumer. The presence of those lines would be a green light for people to use all the energy they want, thinking there's plenty and there's no problem.

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N-001-004

The excuse of adding the possibility of wind power onto the lines does not make environmentalists feel better about the project, it's like capx is throwing us a bone. Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

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Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

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Your comment has been noted. Cumulative Impacts will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

N-001-004

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Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**N-001-007**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**N-001-008**

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.